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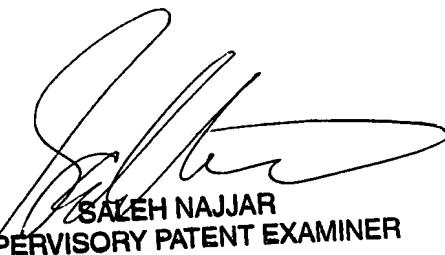
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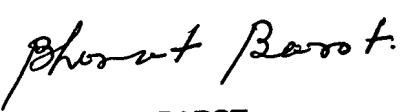
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- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
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